

Staff Superintendent's Office,
March 10th, 1938.

Mr. J. Brockie,
Merchandise Display.

Re: Rental of Margaret Eaton Hall for Production of Plays.

The question of production of plays in Margaret Eaton Hall by radical groups has been discussed, particularly in view of the forthcoming C.I.O. propaganda play "Steel." It is thought advisable that, in the future, we should ascertain as definitely as possible what is to be the nature of the play before we consent to rent the Hall.

With regard to the production of "Steel" next week, while it is definitely a propagandist document in the interests of the "one big union" idea, it would probably do more harm than good to interfere with arrangements already made.

We should, however, 'make assurance doubly sure' that no propagandist literature of any sort is distributed at the performances. Will you let me know what you think would be the best way of checking up on future bookings of this sort?

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The Margaret Eaton School

TORONTO

July 4, 1938

Ivor Lewis, Esq.,
Executive Offices,
The T. Eaton Co. Ltd.,
Yonge Street,
Toronto

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Miss Somers has asked me to send you the enclosed
copies of the Report of the work of The Margaret Eaton School
for the year 1937-38.

Yours very truly,

Charlotte H. Layton
per H.C.

Enc.
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Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT, 1937-38

THE MARGARET EATON SCHOOL

The year 1937-38 of The Margaret Eaton School opened at the Ontario Athletic Commission Camp on Lake Couchiching on September first with forty-nine students. In addition to the regular students of the school, there were two students from the Diploma Course in Physical Education of the University of Toronto. The regular staff of the school was augmented by Elva Miller, M.E.S.'27, and Helen Ricker, M.E.S.'38, as general assistants, Flora Gray, music, Peggy Campbell, dietitian and golf instructor, and Margaret Horner, nurse. The month passed very busily and happily, and when it was suggested that we stay five extra days, on account of the severe epidemic of infantile paralysis in Toronto, there was no grumbling. Because the field facilities at the O.A.C. camp are so excellent, the programme at camp emphasized the field sports: track and field, tennis, field hockey, soccer, baseball, and archery. Swimming was conducted only in the first part of the month and canoeing was limited because of the severe winds on Lake Couchiching. The experiment was tried of giving the students the last hour in the afternoon to practise in any activity which the individual desired. She was urged for the most part to perfect herself in the sport in which she already had some ability, and she kept a record of what she accomplished.

The school opened in Toronto on October 4th. Four new juniors were added to the enrolment, making a total of fifty-three students. Fifty-two of these remained throughout the year. Miss Elizabeth Wardley and Miss Dorothy Jackson continued as full time members of the staff, with ever-increasing efficiency. Miss Charlotte Layton as Secretary-Registrar gave invaluable service. Mrs. W. A. Kirkwood replaced Mrs. John Creighton who had accepted a position at Bennington College, and her instruction in English proved very interesting to the students. Miss Rebecca Shilton of London, England followed Miss Eleanor Ely in Remedial Gymnastics. The other part-time teachers and lecturers continued the same: Miss Marion Hobday, creative dancing; Miss Mildred Wickson, M.E.S.'27, tap dancing; W.K.F. Kendrick, psychology; E.G. Sterndale-Bennett, expression and dramatics; Miss Dorothy Prat, M.E.S. '22, fencing; Miss Ruby Thomas, M.E.S.'34, lacrosse; and Miss Eleanor Keyes, M.E.S. '36, figure skating.

Handcraft, which has been carried on as an elective for the last two years, was made a required course for all students. The biennial courses in Play Production and Dance Appreciation were given this year. The course in Methods of Teaching included several lectures on Group Work for the first time. Other courses were modified or changed to meet the progressive needs in the field.

All efforts toward demonstrating the practice activities were concentrated in the final demonstration presented in our own gymnasium two evenings, May 18th and 19th. The students had an opportunity, also, to work on numbers for a swimming demonstration in preparation for the swimming given in connection with the evening course in Camp Education.

The Athletic Association, which is an association of all the students, and which was formerly organized for the purpose of sponsoring athletic competition, has been gradually changing character in the last few years to more nearly fit the needs of the present school. This year, under the leadership of Miss Jackson as faculty adviser, it was fully reorganized as an Activities Association. The "activities" were organized into the following clubs: music, literary and dramatic, dance, camera, riding, badminton and outing. Each group was very active, headed by its student officials and faculty adviser.

The School Magazine, which was revived three years ago, was a more ambitious number than before. Under the direction of an efficient staff of student editors, and with the constant advice and assistance of Miss Wardley, a very creditable magazine was produced.

While not connected with the regular curriculum, one of the interesting ventures of the school was the evening course in Camp Education, given for the second year. This was held for six consecutive Wednesday evenings in February and March and was attended by camp counselors and students living in and near Toronto to the number of sixty-six full time and forty part time as well as our own students.

Other evening courses were held throughout the winter, in the Modern Dance and Swimming, and the courts were open for Badminton players.

The "co-operation" of the school with the University of Toronto, now in its fourth year, maintained much the same plan as in other years. The University supplied The Margaret Eaton School with its courses in Anatomy at the Anatomy building of the University, and with the instructors for Psychology and Remedial Gymnastics given at our own building; it gave the medical examination for all students, conducted by Dr. Edith Gordon with the facilities of her office. The Margaret Eaton School gave a course of instruction in Gymnastics to the students of the Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Courses, and in Recreational Activities to the latter; it furnished facilities for the work of these schools in Massage and Remedial Gymnastics; it opened its regular classes in Remedial Gymnastics, Lacrosse and Skating to the Diploma students in Physical Education of the University; and gave the use of the gymnasium for three hours a week to the University Women's Athletic Association. Mr. W. J. Dunlop, Director of the University Department of Extension, has been very helpful and kind in working out the details of this co-operative plan.

The social calendar of the students consisted of the usual main events, such as the Tea Dance given by the Seniors to the Juniors and held at the school in November, the Formal in February and the School Banquet in May, both held at the Eglinton Hunt Club, the latter followed by a dance given by the Juniors to the Seniors. The students also conducted a square dance party with an old time fiddler and "caller", and this proved a successful innovation. Other events included the Christmas programme and tea at the Residence, and the winter sports week-end at Tally-Ho in Huntsville.

In closing, I would like to mention the graduating class of 1937 of The Margaret Eaton School. All of the fourteen members of this group were placed in teaching positions for this year. Seven went into Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. work, five into private schools, one into Recreation Club work (The Eaton Girls' Club), and one to a private university as student assistant. Fourteen graduates of past years also were placed by us this year.

Respectfully submitted

Florence A. Somers, Director

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July 18, 1938

Miss Charlotte H. Layton,
Secretary,
The Margaret Eaton School,
415 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Miss Layton:

Please excuse my belated acknowledgement of the copy of the report you sent me of the work of the Margaret Eaton School for 1937-38.

I have read this report with great interest, and have sent it on to Mr. R. Y. Eaton.

I feel that all concerned are to be warmly congratulated upon the progress the school has made in regard to enrolment, to the increase in its activities and to the success it has experienced in placing its graduates.

With best wishes for still further success,

Yours sincerely,

IRL/B



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